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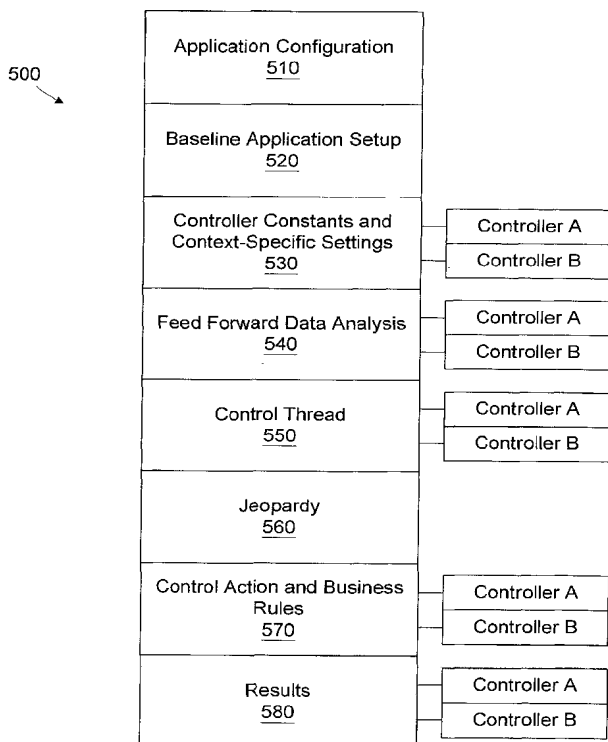
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(57) Abstract: A method for controlling a manufacturing system includes processing workpieces in a plurality of tools (120, 125); initiating a baseline control script (152, 154) for a selected tool (120, 125) of the plurality of tools (120, 125); providing context information for the baseline control script (152, 154); determining a tool type based on the context information; selecting a group of control routines for the selected tool (120, 125) based on the tool type; determining required control routines from the group of control routines based on the context information; and executing the required control routines to generate control actions for the selected tool (120, 125). A manufacturing system includes a plurality of tools (120, 125) adapted to process workpieces, a control execution manager (150), and a control executor (220). The control execution manager (150) is adapted to initiate a baseline control script (152, 154) for a selected tool (120, 125) of the plurality of tools (120, 125) and provide context information for the baseline control script (152, 154). The control executor (220) is adapted to execute the baseline control script (152, 154), determine a tool type based on the context information, select a group of control routines for the selected tool (120, 125) based on the tool type, determine required control routines from the group of control routines based on the context information, and execute the required control routines to generate control actions for the selected tool (120, 125).



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